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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 15, 2004, along with a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time. As January 15, 2005 fell on a Saturday, and January 17, 2005 was a Federal Holiday, this Amendment is timely filed on Tuesday, January 18, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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